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Gaston County Man Wins \$100,000

RALEIGH – A Gaston County man today hit the jackpot by playing the North Carolina Education Lottery's (NCEL) "\$100,000 Carolina Cash" game. Clint Herd purchased the winning ticket at a Kingsway on Bessemer City Road in Gastonia. The carpenter spent a total of \$5 on the ticket that netted him \$68,001.60.

Tom Shaheen, NCEL executive director, presented Herd with a giant souvenir check and a real check at the NCEL's Raleigh headquarters. Herd said he plans to use the money to pay for a wedding and honeymoon and home repairs. He also plans to save some of his winnings.

Other \$100,000 winners to date: Vernon Evans of Wilson, Jeff Weavil of Winston-Salem and Richard Garland of Newton.

The NCEL will transfer 100% of the net proceeds from ticket sales to the state lottery fund for education. The proceeds will be used to fund pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-olds, class size reduction, school construction, and provide college scholarships to need-based individuals.

For more information about the NCEL visit its Web sites at www.nc-educationlottery.org or www.lottery.nc.gov. The phone number to call is 919/715-6886 (71-LOTTO).

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